

I. R. T. Strike Will Be Called To-morrow Unless 50% Increase in Wages Is Granted

Firemen to List Foods Hoarded in Warehouses

Small Consumers Asked
Not to Stock Up; Prices
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Advanced at This Time

Copeland Threatens To Revoke Licenses

Milk Inquiry Is Opened;
40 Warrants in Ohio;
House Members Called
to Capitol for Action

Developments yesterday in the nation-
wide fight on the high cost of living
were:

IN THE CITY

The metropolitan fair price committee, appointed by Arthur Williams, held its first meeting and passed a resolution calling on consumers not to hoard. The prediction was made that prices probably will not go up further at this time.

Mayor Hylan ordered the Fire Department to inspect warehouses and report on storage holdings.

Health Commissioner Copeland announced that he would revoke the health department licenses of profiteering dealers in foodstuffs under his jurisdiction.

The milk price investigation was opened by Assistant District Attorney John T. Dooley.

IN THE NATION

Forty warrants were issued in Columbus, Ohio, by Governor Cox and State Attorney General Price for the arrest of alleged profiteers and hoarders.

Efforts in the Senate to speed up action on Attorney General Palmer's plea for more power to cope with profiteering were frustrated by Democratic Senators, who threatened a filibuster unless action were delayed until next Tuesday.

Three million eggs and three and one-half million pounds of butter were found in Buffalo warehouses.

Consumers Warned 'Not to Hoard Food'

Fair Price Committee to Submit Suggestions to the Attorney General

A warning that hoarding on a small scale by consumers would be a serious obstacle to the work of the forces fighting the high cost of living was issued yesterday following the first conference of the fair price committee appointed by Arthur Williams, Federal Food Administrator.

Wholesalers and retailers in various parts of the city are eagerly awaiting the first price list to be issued by the committee. Peter Becker, president of the Brooklyn Retail Grocers' Association, said prices have shown unusual immobility during the week. Retailers generally were under the impression that the quotations would not fluctuate locally pending the report of the committee.

Prices were not discussed at yesterday's meeting of the committee. For more than two hours the members debated behind closed doors the first steps to be taken to afford relief from the high and soaring living cost. According to Mr. Williams many timely and effective suggestions were made. These will be submitted to Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, who is expected to attend the next meeting of the committee, on Monday or Wednesday of next week. Yesterday's conference was held in the Chamber of Commerce of Liberty Street.

The warning against petty hoarding was suggested by Theodore Whitmarsh, vice-president of Francis H. Jagoe & Co., and an associate director of the American Food Relief Commission. His suggestion was embodied in a resolution to the effect that "the tendency toward high prices could be relieved if purchasers would limit their purchases to their immediate demands rather than purchase quantities in fear of higher prices in the near future."

The following were present at the meeting, in addition to those already mentioned: Alfred E. Marling, president of the Chambers of Commerce of the State of New York; William Pellos Morgan, president of the Merchants' Association of New York; Mrs. Lees Laidlaw, of the Woman Suffrage party of New York State; Mrs. Henry Moscovitz, secretary of the New York State Reconstruction Commission; and Mrs. Charles C. Rumsey, chairman of the committee on coordination of community councils.

Ben A. Matthews, Assistant United States Attorney, said he had learned

Wilson Threatens to Send Lodge and Knox to Berlin

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—President Wilson told Senator Hitchcock, Administration leader, today that if the Senate should make a textual amendment of the peace treaty, as some Senators think should be done in the case of the Shantung provision, it would be necessary to negotiate a new treaty with Germany. The President is said to have added that in the event of such a condition arising he would send Senators Lodge and Knox to Berlin to negotiate the new treaty.

5 Hurt in Crowd At Polo Grounds

Fence Falls; Fist Fights Follow; Police Kept Busy at Ball Park

One accident occurred in which five men were injured, one seriously, and several fist fights were waged yesterday at the Polo Grounds while the thousands of fans were forcing their way into the stands for the double-header between the Giants and the Cincinnati Reds.

The crowd that filled the runway extending from the Speedway below Coogan's Bluff to the rear entrance of the grounds became so dense that part of the fence of the runway collapsed, throwing five men to the ground, 25 feet below.

N. H. Hertzberger was taken to St. Lawrence Hospital. He is said to be suffering from internal injuries and a possible fracture of the skull. The others who fell were bruised and scratched, but apparently otherwise unhurt. They are Frank Solomon, of 1906 Clinton Avenue, The Bronx; Herman Nixson, of 8770 Seventeenth Avenue, Brooklyn; Harry Fredericks, of 4383 Richardson Avenue, The Bronx, and Louis Goldstein, of 1638 Madison Avenue, Westfield, N. J.

At the Eighth Avenue entrance so many persons pushed and elbowed in their efforts to get inside that fist fights resulted and the police had to work hard to keep them from becoming riotous. Three iron gates were broken down and the crowd stamped through them, many thus saving the price of admission.

The crowd, exceeding 40,000, was the largest that ever witnessed a ball game, not excepting world series games. The Giants lost both games.

Speedy Policeman Gets Relay Bandit

Blocks \$2,178 Payroll Theft in Daylight Chase in Crowded Street

Two men poked revolvers into Samuel Bruskini's ribs at 1:30 yesterday afternoon when he returned from a bank to Charles E. Wayand & Co.'s, wholesale stationers, at 22 Howard Street, with the week's payroll of \$2,178.33. The vestibule held the scene from the street. A third man seized the satchel containing the money, and all three ran, with Bruskini in pursuit.

At Crosby and Grand streets the footed carrier of the satchel handed it to a man who stood waiting for him and Bruskini, who had rallied a mob of helpers, ran after his new quarry. He ran north on Broadway Street and turned west, dodging Patrolman George Magnusson, who turned and led the pursuit.

The fugitive flung the bag he was carrying into a wagon at Mercer Street, but that did not cause the patrolman to falter. He caught his man at Spring Street and then returned for the bag, which had not been opened.

The prisoner said he was Stephen Senft, of 29 Jackson Street. He was locked up at the Elizabeth Street police station, charged with robbery. Joseph Beliar, an eigen "Thor-old-chick" employed by the stationery concern, had inspired the attempt at robbery, Senft said, and it would have taken place a week before except that the hold-up men thought there were too many people about.

Senft, according to the police, said that Beliar had stood at a window and pointed Bruskini out to the men who were waiting to rob him. Upon this information Beliar was arrested as an accomplice. He lives at 236 Cherry Street.

Paper May Pay Ford 12 Cents

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., Aug. 15.—The amount of costs that Henry Ford may receive from "Thor-old-chick" Tribune," in addition to the six cents damages awarded him last night by a jury which heard his libel suit against the Chicago newspaper, will not exceed \$50. Under a Michigan law, where nominal damages are awarded, not more than \$50 costs can be assessed against the losing party.

Alfred Lucking, senior counsel for Mr. Ford, said today little attention had been given to the matter of costs, and that until he had looked up the law covering the case he could not say how much the plaintiff could expect to receive.

Among other attorneys the opinion was held that in cases where damages awarded amount to less than \$50, the costs collectible may not exceed the judgment awarded. In this event, Mr. Ford could demand only six cents costs from "The Tribune."

Compromise On Treaty Is Reported

Senator Lodge Submits
Five Changes Which
Would Gain Support
of Republican Senators

Wilson Reported Against Proposals

Hitchcock Sees President;
Preparations Are Made
for Conference Tuesday

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—Negotiations between Democratic and Republican Senators looking to ratification of the peace treaty with reservations reached a more definite stage today, while President Wilson and the Foreign Relations Committee were getting together on measures to give the public all the details of their discussion of the treaty next Tuesday at the White House.

Democratic leaders, feeling out sentiment on the Republican side, were told that the treaty never could be ratified without qualification, but that more than twenty Republicans wanted to see it accepted in the near future with reservations along the line of those agreed on by seven Senators of that party some days ago.

General Provisions Acceptable
This information came from members of the group of seven after completion of a poll held Wednesday on receipt of the first Democratic overtures. The twenty needed by the Democrats to make the necessary ratification majority of sixty-four had not accepted the proposed reservation program in exact form, it was asserted, but had given their assent to its general provisions. Afterward, Senator Hitchcock, the Democratic leader, went to the White House and is understood to have laid the whole Senate situation before the President. He made no formal announcement after the conference, but indicated that the Administration stand for unreserved ratification remained unchanged. Some of the seven reservations, however, that they have had information assuring Democratic assent to their program.

Five Points Covered

A new draft of reservations was shown to several Republicans during the day by Senator Lodge, the Republican leader. It was understood to cover the four points embraced in the program agreed on by the seven Senators, and to include also a provision that appointment of the American representative on the league council must have Senate approval. The other four provisions relate to the Monroe Doctrine, withdrawal from membership, jurisdiction over purely domestic questions, and the right of Congress to declare war under Article X of the league covenant.

Plans for the White House conference yesterday were virtually completed during the day, with an agreement that both White House and committee stenographers should be present and that a transcript of the discussions should be issued to the press. Chairman Lodge also gave his assent to the presence of newspaper correspondents at the meeting, but said that was a question for the President to decide.

To Have Two Stenographers

The proposal that stenographers be present at the conference was met in reply to a request that the committee members should not be restrained to secrecy about the discussions. Mr. Wilson said he would provide a stenographer and suggest that the committee also bring one. Chairman Lodge said it would be done.

Although it began discussion of proposed amendments to the treaty today, the committee decided to vote on none of them until it had talked with the President. There will be no meeting to-morrow, and most of next week probably will be devoted to hearing the five additional witnesses summoned yesterday.

The question of how soon the committee would report to the Senate was one of the subjects most earnestly discussed in the many conferences held among Senators during the day. Democratic leaders said they believed twenty Republicans would exert their influence for a motion to take the treaty out of the committee's hands.

After his White House conference Senator Hitchcock said the committee might report within ten days or two weeks. He made it clear that getting the treaty into the Senate as soon as practicable was the present concern of the Administration.

Lodge for Early Action

Chairman Lodge is understood to be in sympathy with the move for early action by the committee, and it is thought examination of witnesses next week may be hastened and no more called. Some members of the committee want Colonel House and others summoned, however, and another committee fight may result.

In connection with the set of reservations shown to Senators by Mr. Lodge, it was said Senator Lodge did not aggressively advocate their adoption, but merely asked the opinion of several Senators regarding them. It is understood they differ in phraseology from those drafted by the seven Senators under the lead of Senator McNary, Republican, of Oregon, but that some of the seven are most favorably impressed by them.

It was suggested as one possibility

Mexico Will Get No More U. S. Arms

Shipments of Munitions to
Carranza Government to
Be Stopped for Present,
Washington Decides

Newspapers See Gravity of Note

American Warning Called
Ultimatum; Improve-
ment of Situation Urged

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—The Carranza government will not be permitted to import further arms and munitions from the United States, for the present at least. This became known today following the publication of the exchange of notes between the United States and Mexico in which the American government threatened a change of policy unless Americans in Mexico were adequately protected.

Shipment of munitions into Mexico has been prohibited since the United States entered the war, but before that time Carranza had purchased large supplies in this country, and it had been the policy to let these go through in comparatively small lots.

U. S. Will Not Answer

No answer to the reply of the Mexican government to the State Department's warning that failure to protect Americans might result in a radical change of policy will be made. Officials explained today that the United States would wait until President Carranza displayed either unwillingness or inability to afford Americans the protection they had a right to expect before taking further action.

One of the first possibilities of action, should the government be forced to it, would be to withdraw diplomatic representatives, or even to withdraw recognition of the Carranza government. Active intervention is considered in most quarters a remote measure at this stage.

Telegrams received here said editorials in the Mexico City newspapers after publication of the American note of warning indicated a complete realization of the seriousness of the situation. Almost all of the papers commented on the note, but, for the most part, the editorials were temperate in character.

"Practically an Ultimatum"

"El Democrata," which attracted attention during the war for its pro-German expressions, characterized the note as "intemperate, unjust, extremely alarming and practically an ultimatum." It declared the Mexican government had shown a disposition to settle the petroleum question. The "Monitor Republicano" admitted the rights of foreigners to demand protection, but insisted the situation did not warrant intervention.

"El Excelsior" expressed surprise because of the bitter tone of the note. It said this alarmed and reasonable demand and meant intervention unless Mexico did the impossible and completely pacified the country.

The "Personal" characterized the note as a measured and reasonable demand and said correction of the conditions complained of and not an exchange of diplomatic notes would relieve the situation.

Boston Facing Police Strike; Force Unionized

1,400 Members Join Federation of Labor Despite Orders of Commissioner

BOSTON, Aug. 15.—Boston to-night faces the probability of a police strike. Members of the force, disregarding a recent order of Police Commissioner Edwin U. Curtis forbidding their joining any organization outside the department except the associations of veterans, organized a union to-night under charter from the American Federation of Labor. Members of the new union said that about 1,400 members of the force participated in the afternoon and evening meetings.

The patrolmen, who met at the headquarters of the Boston Street Carmen's Union, were addressed by Frank H. McCarthy, New England organizer of the federation; P. Harry Jennings, business agent of the Boston Central Labor Union; and James T. Moriarty, a member of the city council. Mr. McCarthy told them that as members of organized labor they would be expected to be faithful to themselves, their brother members and their employer.

Mr. Jennings said the policemen would have the backing of 80,000 union members, men and women, in this city in their determination to organize.

Lawson Says High Finance

Keeps Shoe Prices High
BOSTON, Aug. 15.—Testifying today at the grand jury investigation of the high price of shoes, Thomas W. Lawson discussed methods of high finance, and said that interest paid on watered stock added materially to the price which purchasers were called upon to pay.

By Charles H. Weston,
District Attorney's office, suggested seeking evidence of a conspiracy among bankers and the big shoe men.

Some Day Some Genius Will Discover It Is Just as Easy to Settle Matters Before the Boat Is Upset as Afterwards



Writes Prelude To Death, Then Leaps to Doom

"Where Will I Be in Five Minutes?" Asks Broken Actor in 500-Word Epistle Before 13-Story Jump

Charles H. Weston, a broken down actor, stood by an open window on the eighteenth floor of the Aeolian Building, on West Forty-second Street near Fifth Avenue, yesterday afternoon, and wrote a 500-word account of how a man feels just before he commits suicide.

"I feel," he scribbled on the final page, "just like a man waiting to meet his boss when there is something wrong."

Then he flung himself from the window. Those who found his body on the roof of the five-story building at 25 West Forty-second Street retrieved the account of the half hour preceding his death from a sealed envelope in the inner pocket of his jacket.

Drugs Were His Curse

There was another envelope on which had been written "This is a man's greatest curse." In it was a hypodermic syringe and a needle.

A letter from Cohan & Harris, regretting their inability to place Weston in one of their companies, established the man's identity. His wife, who lives with their son at 352 South Eleventh Street, Newark, N. J., was notified of his death. In another pocket of the coat was found a city permit authorizing him to purchase small quantities of drugs for his own use.

It must have taken Weston at least a half hour to compose the account of his last moments on earth. Shortly after 5 o'clock a mighty crash startled workers on the top floor of 25 West Forty-second Street. Blasting had been going on all day in an excavation at the rear of the building, and it was thought that a heavy charge of powder had thrown a rock to the roof.

James Davey, manager of the building, was summoned. He found Weston's body literally embedded in the roof. It had broken through the roofing, shattered a beam beneath and was held firmly by the splintered ends.

Impressions Before Death

Here is Charles H. Weston's account of his last moments on earth, exactly as he wrote it:

"HOW ONE FEELS JUST BEFORE
DEATH BY JUMPING FROM
THE 18TH FLOOR OF
OF A BUILDING.
"By Charles H. Weston.
"I am taking this advantage because
to die is a big adventure.
"Last night I saw my wife and my
made."

Managers Yield Point to Actors; Union Rejected

Willing to Concede "More Than Equity Demands" but Refuse Recognition, Their Spokesman Says

In a statement issued last night the Producing Managers' Association announced that they are prepared to offer any group of actors who are "in a position to fulfill individual contracts without danger of interference" a contract better than the Actors' Equity contract.

Arthur Hopkins, acting as spokesman for the managers, said they were willing and anxious to have all disputes that might arise between the parties to the proposed contract arbitrated by a permanent board to consist of three actors, three managers and an umpire who would be, preferably, a justice of the Supreme Court.

"Would actors chosen by the Actors' Equity Association be acceptable to the managers as members of such a board of arbitration?" Mr. Hopkins was asked.

"No," was the reply. "The managers issued a statement concerning their proposal, following a conference with E. H. Sothern and five other people of the stage, who were appointed by the committee to confer with the managers at a meeting at the Hotel Biltmore that was attended by about twenty-five actors and actresses, most of whom have resigned from the Actors' Equity Association."

Strike to Continue

When Grant Stewart, corresponding secretary of the Actors' Equity Association, was shown the managers' statement last night, he said: "The Actors' Equity Association is striking for recognition. The strike will continue until the association is recognized." Mr. Stewart said also that no official of the Actors' Equity Association had been approached yesterday by Mr. Sothern or his committee.

The managers' statement follows: "A committee of actors headed by E. H. Sothern called upon a committee of the Producing Managers' Association to ascertain the attitude of the Producing Managers' Association as to future dealings with actors."

"Mr. Sothern's committee was advised that the Producing Managers' Association was prepared to offer any group of actors who were in a position to fulfill individual contracts without danger of interference, a contract in every way as advantageous to the actor as the former Actors' Equity contract, under which the actor has been working for the past three years, with the additional advantage to the actor of including a clause by which eight

Bandits Rob Gold Mill

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., Aug. 15.—The Independent Mill, at Victor, Colo., one of the largest gold mills in this section of the West, was robbed last night. The bandits overpowered two watchmen and escaped with a quantity of gold concentrate. The watchmen are in a hospital at Victor. No estimate of the amount stolen has been made.

Mayor and Men in Clash As He Hints At Collusion

After Hedley Tells Delegates Company Is Too Poor They Carry Their Case to Hylan's Office

He Insinuates They Are Tools

Hope of Averting Tie-Up Rests on Conference of City Officials With Both the Disputants To-day

Five thousand members of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company Brotherhood voted last night to quit work at 4 a. m. Sunday unless their demand for a 50 per cent wage increase was met by 6 p. m. to-day.

If the proposed strike is 100 per cent effective, as brotherhood officials predict it will be, it will mean the tying up of every subway and "L" train on I. R. T. lines in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens.

The brotherhood delivered an ultimatum to Frank Hedley, vice-president of the Interborough, and another to Mayor Hylan in the course of the day. P. J. Connolly, vice-president of the brotherhood, was spokesman. He went to the Mayor after the transit company had declared lack of funds made compliance with the employees' demands impossible.

The audience with the Mayor was a heated one and ended abruptly, the brotherhood's representatives stamping out, declaring they had been "snubbed and insulted."

Mayor Hinted at Collusion

By implication, they said, the Mayor had renewed his charges of collusion between brotherhood leaders and I. R. T. officials to bring about a strike as the means of insuring an eight-cent fare.

They went to the office of the Public Service Commission, where Commissioner Nixon soothed their feelings to such an extent that when John H. Delaney, Transit Commissioner, appeared as special emissary from Mayor Hylan asking for a renewal of the conference to-day the men agreed to the suggestion. The meeting will be at 2 p. m. in the office of the commission. The Mayor and other members of the Board of Estimate will be present, as will members of the Public Service Commission. In that meeting, the men declare, lies the only hope of averting the strike.

Police Ready for Strike

Acting Chief Inspector Thomas H. Murphy called a meeting of inspectors last night at Police Headquarters and cancelled for the present all vacations of lieutenants, captains and inspectors. The inspectors were instructed as to their duties in the event of a traction strike, and it was announced that the department is fully prepared to handle traffic and to guard property.

Inspector Murphy had charge of police during the B. R. T. strike.

The strike vote was taken at a meeting at the New Star Casino, 107th Street and Park Avenue. Connolly, in addressing the meeting, said that if Mayor Hylan treated him "with the same contempt" this afternoon that he showed yesterday, the strike order would be issued within two hours. He said he had addressed the I. R. T. motormen at Golden Seal Hall, 120th Street, near Eighth Avenue, and that they had agreed on the same plan of action.

How Strike Will Begin

Motormen and conductors on duty when the strike is called are to take their trains to the end of their runs, plant red lights at head and tail to prevent collisions, close all windows and quit work.

"Bid the trains goodbye," said Connolly, "and leave them until the demands of the public and the surrender of the company warrant your return to duty."

The brotherhood gave its officers a vote of confidence.

The delegates' call on the Mayor followed their visit to Hedley's office, where they announced that terms proposed by the company were unsatisfactory.

Demand a Living Wage

"Our men won't have it," he said. "I want to them last night and they turned it down flat. They instructed